

A Hidden Force.

The forces and activity of nature are invisible, and only the results are manifest. We can see the sun rising in the east as our globe revolves, but we are ignorant as to the working of the mighty engine that produces, or causes it thus to be. What is true of nature is often verified by the child of nature itself—Man. Our late lamented Governor, John M. Pattison, was a true specimen of this silent and potent force, where the momentum was silent in its mighty activity and only the result was visible. To our estimation and judgement, he was a liberal and conservative Democrat. He realized that he was not elected by a strict, political party vote, but by the people at large, who by his campaign speeches, were aroused from their Rip Van Winkle sleep of bossism and autocratic rule. He brought to light the shameful and criminal actions in high places, of robbery, graft—yes, treason itself. Although sick and not able to be at the seat of government during last winter, even our legislature felt his invisible force enacted laws of equity, personal rights, laws of moral influence and justice. He was influential in the appointment of a committee to investigate a corrupt home rule in Hamilton county and the stealing of millions of dollars from the people's money in that modern Sodom of Ohio. He appreciated the aid of our Republican friends, by the appointment of but a few Democrats into public offices, during the six months he was our governor, but now he is gone. The question that now presents itself to the public mind is: Will the people of the great State of Ohio, suffer a relapse, and fall again into a former political somnolence or stupor, or was this morning dawn of hope and reformation buried with Governor John M. Pattison? We answer, no! History repeats itself, and what we at times mourn and call a loss, will result in gain. The blowing up of the Maine in the harbor of Havana, was the signal gun for the liberation of Cuba. Our disaster at the first battle of Bull Run, Va., in 1861, caused our victory at Appomattox, Va., in 1865. The death of the King of Sweden, Gustave Adolphus, upon the blood stained field of Lutzen in 1632, spurred his soldiers to deeds of valor, breaking the power of the imperialists, saving Germany from the autocratic rule of Austria. During the short reign of John M. Pattison, Ohio passed through a state of a civic regeneration, and people who had heretofore read of graft, robbery, perjury and dishonesty with indifference, and called it idle newspaper talk, realized at last that a hidden demon, a political cancer, is gnawing at the very life and political vitality of our state. Hence we believe that his life and premature death, paved the way for future Democratic victory, while his reformer, President Roosevelt, by his manly actions against trusts, is opening the national portals for W. J. Bryan as our next president. We are informed Pattison's resting place in pretty Green Lawn is marked by granite shaft, but lo, how can a mute stone tell of the greatness, the lofty character, the purity in the life of J. M. Pattison. He is called dead, but he still speaks. His name will adorn the pages of immortal history, as a true American. J. L. Y.

Brick Handlers Wanted.

We want at once twenty brick handlers. Steady employment. Good wages. Address The Iron-clay Brick Company, Ruggery Building, Columbus, Ohio, or apply at factory, Shawnee, Ohio, July 19, 2-w.

For Sale.

Good 6 horse power steam engine and new fuel-blower. All in first class condition. May be seen running at this office any day. Reason for selling, will install gas engine.

A Good Secretary.

Louis B. Houck, secretary to the late Governor John M. Pattison, who has remained at the executive office in the service of Governor Andrew L. Harris since death instituted a change, finished his

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The Texas Wonder.

Cures all Kidney, Bladder and Rheumatic troubles; sold by all druggists, or two months treatment by mail, for \$1. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. July 19, '06, 1-yr.

Senator Charles Dick in a Cleveland interview says the Republican state convention will be held at Cedar Point or Dayton this year, because the Republican newspapers at Columbus are unfriendly.

He went on to say that Cedar Point should be unobjectionable, as there are no newspapers there. Senator Dick is acting like a spoiled child, and it is hoped the state committee, when it meets to select a place for the convention, will not be influenced by such pet reasoning. The Republican press of Columbus, in common with the party newspapers of Ohio, has criticized both United States senators for their opposition to the plans of the national administration, Dick for opposing the Philippine tariff bill and Foraker for his position on the railway rate bill. There is nothing unfriendly in the attitude of these papers toward the Republican party, but they did what they had

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Fall Festival.

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It is not designed as a money-making concern. It is merely to call attention of the outside world to the products of the Middle West and South-eastern states. Exhibits from these sections will fill two huge exhibition halls that cover several acres of ground. Other sections, however, are recognizing the importance of the feat and are asking for space in which displays may be made. Wherever it is deemed advisable, these exhibits are accepted, and on Aug. 28, the opening date of the fair, one of the biggest exhibitions seen in this section will be thrown open to the public. Railroads will put on ridiculously low rates.

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A perfect right to do—criticize the representatives of the party, and in so doing they no doubt reflected the sentiments of their readers. It is baby play to keep the convention from Columbus, the most centrally located city in the state, for such a reason. If Senator Dick has no better excuse he should not offer any.

The Blade protests against holding the convention at Cedar Point, and in this protest we believe we are backed by all the large newspapers of Ohio regardless of parties. An infinitely small per cent of the people of Ohio attend state conventions, but a large per cent are interested in their proceedings, and for this reason they rely on the daily papers. Cedar Point has not the facilities for handling this news. It is simply a summer resort and is poorly equipped for the service necessary for the newspapers. This was demonstrated a few years ago when the Democratic state convention was held there, and it was almost impossible to get its deliberations into the newspaper offices of the state. This fact should remove Cedar Point from all consideration on the part of the committee.

Either Columbus or Dayton will take good care of the convention, but Senator Dick's grievance against the former city should not weigh with the committee as it is too light to be of any moment.

Investigating Moters.

The Hocking Valley Railway company is investigating, through a mechanical expert, the operation of gasoline motor cars on the Erie railroad and other railroads with electric line competition in the east, with a view to installing a similar service on the Hocking Valley road, where it has interurban competition.

President Monsarrat said, Friday, that if the company decides to adopt that plan of meeting electric line competition, the cars will be put into operation between Columbus and Marion, also Columbus and Lancaster, Logan, Nelsonville and Athens.

The cause of the activity of the Hocking Valley along this line at this time is the announcement that the Scioto Valley Traction company will extend its line from Lancaster to Logan, Nelsonville and Athens. Officials of the Hocking Valley say they do not intend to surrender their local traffic to the electric lines and that some steps will be taken to meet the competition.

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On the grounds and in the halls will be Government displays, big vaudeville show, a Hippodrome, circus and many other attractions.

AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

The Work of the Law Makers Analyzed
By One of the Master Minds in Congress.

Champ Clark's Letter

Effect of Weather Upon Human Affairs—Republicans on the Run. The Scrap in Iowa.

(Special Washington Letter.)

It is told by a veracious chronicler that Philadelphia flies hastened the Declaration of Independence. The way they played the patriotic part was this: Close to Independence hall, where the Continental congress held its sessions, was a lively stable much infested with flies. These swarmed upon the fathers and, biting through their long stocks, "rendered their condition intolerable," as the divorce petitions say. Consequently the pestiferous insects had more effect in hastening the making of the Declaration than had even the hot eloquence of old John Adams, whom his immortal rival, Thomas Jefferson, characterized as the "colossus of debate" for the Declaration. Thank God for those flies!

Everybody knows that the sudden rise in the river Yarkin saved General Nathaniel Greene and his heroic soldiers from capture by Lord Cornwallis and thereby made the surrender of the British at Yorktown a possibility. God be thanked for the rains which swelled the usually placid Yarkin into an unfordable torrent!

It is also believed by many historians that Napoleon would have gained the battle of Waterloo had not the heavy rain of the preceding day and night rendered it impossible for him to use artillery before noon on the memorable 18th of June. Military critics say that had the ground been firm Napoleon would have attacked Wellington at dawn and completely routed him before Blucher could arrive with his reinforcing army, but it did rain, the battle was delayed, Blucher did arrive in the nick of time, destiny dissolved partnership with Napoleon, and, to quote Victor Hugo, he left the field the mighty somnambulist of a shattered dream.

So it seems that the weather cuts a big figure in even the most important human affairs. I verily believe that congress would have dawdled July away in Washington if the heat had not become absolutely intolerable. Men grew irritable, sick and listless. Life became a misery and work a burden. If the appropriation bills had been passed before the hot wave struck Washington everything else would have been postponed to a convenient season and adjournment would have been had on the 25th of June and the grand exodus from the delectable city would have been made that night.

On the Run.

The G. O. P. is on the run every where. Even in Pennsylvania, hide-bound and rock ribbed in her Republicanism, things are sadly out of joint with the G. O. P. At the Republican state convention Senator Boies Penrose, who has been trying to wear the mantle of Matthew Stanley Quay, had things his own way and nominated a ticket of his own choosing, but the signs of the times indicate that it was much easier for him to nominate a ticket than to elect it. There is revolt from one end of the Keystone State to the other. The Democratic state convention indorsed the Lapointe, or reform Republican, candidate for governor, which seems to insure his election. The state already has a most capable treasurer, a Democrat, in the person of Mr. Berry. The chances are that a perfect fusion will be agreed upon all along the line, including representatives in congress. If there is fusion on congressmen the Democrats ought to land eight or ten of them instead of only one, as they now have. Somehow Quay's mantle does not fit Penrose. It's too big for him, and if the fusionists elect a state ticket the probabilities are that they will at the same time elect a legislature which will retire Penrose to private life. That's almost too good to be true, but stranger things have happened.

Up in Maine the Republicans are fighting tooth and nail to prevent a slump. Consequently when they held their state convention recently they drafted Hon. William P. Frye, United States senator, to leave Washington at the busiest season of congress to go to the Pine Tree State and preside. The legislature elected this fall elects his successor, and of course he is anxious to succeed himself. He has been in congress so long that were he defeated he would be like a fish out of water. So he does not propose to neglect the campaign. He remembers only too well what happened in the Pine Tree State about a quarter of a century ago.

In Vermont Proctor pere is in the senate of the United States, while Proctor filis has just been nominated for governor. As a result all over the Green Mountain State the cry goes up of "Too much Proctor!" There, too, the Democrats and Independent Republicans are talking of fusing, which bodes no good to the "regulars."

In Rhode Island they have already fused and are putting forth every exertion not only to elect a state ticket, but also to elect a legislature which will retire Senator Wetmore as a prelude to retiring Senator Aldrich two years hence. If every man in Rhode Island could vote and if they had an apportionment based on population the Democrats would have no trouble whatever in carrying the state without fusion.

In Indiana since the state convention the Democrats have taken heart and are in better fighting trim than at any time since 1892. In Kansas they are putting up a battle royal with ex-United States Senator William A. Harris, as their candidate for governor. So

will jump on Missouri in general and Judge Ryan in particular. Consequently it is just as well to state here that there are few circuit judges in the United States so able as Judge Ryan and none more upright. He was elected to his present position by the voters of St. Louis and is universally regarded as an ornament to the bench, as he was to the bar while practicing his profession. No breath of scandal or hint of dishonor ever attached to his name. He is a learned lawyer, a ripe scholar and an orator of unusual power. He is one of the most modest men I ever knew and perhaps is not pleased to be in the limelight as he now is. Of course such a judge may be mistaken in his interpretation of a statute, but the chances are that he is not. He no doubt thoroughly investigated a question of such grave importance before passing on it. Now, suppose the higher courts sustain his decision. Then what? Just as certain as fate state by state will follow Missouri's lead until the trusts get put out of business, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Fighting Trusts.

Missouri has now taken two long steps in squelching the trusts. One is the statute referred to above; the other is the maintenance of a binder twine factory, which furnishes binder twine at a price much below the price fixed by the trust before she began manufacturing it. Even if the state cannot make all the binder twine needed within her borders with her present facilities, the very fact that she is in position to manufacture twine compels the trust to cut its price to the state price. That other states, seeing Missouri's good work, will go and do likewise hardly admit of doubt. What Missouri has done in the matter of binder twine she can do in certain other matters and will most likely do it. There's an old saying that there are more ways of choking a dog than with butter, a dictum which applies with great force to the trusts. Human ingenuity is now being exercised in many directions to put them out of business. In the meantime the state of Missouri and Judge Ryan deserve the plaudits of all honest citizens.

A Fearless Public Official.

Mr. District Attorney Moran of Boston seems not to be a respecter of persons. On the contrary, he is a ruthless young man. He has even dared to lay the heavy hand of the law upon one of the elect in the person of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge's secretary and to convict that aesthetic assistant helper of an eminent Republican statesman of pocketing certain moneys belonging to other folks. True, it was only a small amount—a mere bagatelle, some two hundred and odd dollars—but Moran seems to believe in old-fashioned honesty and is enforcing the decalogue in the old Bay State.

Reckless Expenditure.

In an interview the day congress adjourned Mr. Speaker Cannon gave general and sweeping indorsement to the work done at this session of congress, and also his special indorsement, so far as appropriations are concerned. It is true that much important work was done—important for good or evil—but nevertheless it was a most extravagant congress, as will be shown without argument by the size of the total appropriations at this session—namely, \$880,183,301, nearly \$1,000,000,000 for every man, woman and child within the broad confines of the republic. Some fine day before long the American people will make a close scrutiny of national expenditures, and when they do something will pop. God speed the day!

Surely this is a time of surprises. In November, 1904, when Pennsylvania rolled up a majority of over half a million for Roosevelt, what prophet would have been bold enough to predict that in 1905 the Democrats would elect a state treasurer by nearly 100,000 majority and that in 1906 the G. O. P. in Pennsylvania would be in such a bad condition that its nominees for governor, Hon. Edwin S. Stuart, would for fear of defeat be seriously considering a declination of the nomination? Yet that is precisely what Pennsylvania papers of high standing say Mr. Stuart is now doing. How have the mighty fallen! Day is breaking in the old Keystone State.

"The wages of sin is death," a truth old as the human race, finds its last and most startling illustration in the tragic death of White at the hands of Thaw. No doubt, whatever else may come of it, Thaw's pistol shots will cause a clarification and purification of the murky atmosphere in which the swagger set live and breathe and have their being. It will be partial and temporary only, but every little helps. White dead may serve a better purpose than White living, and Thaw crazy may have rendered more service to his kind than some of the "safe and sane" plutocrats will ever render. Hercules would be appalled if set the task of cleaning out modern palaces.

The world moves and no mistake. Pennsylvania Republicans in convention assembled have declared for all sorts of reforms—impelled thereto by the awful trouncing they received last year and in a vain effort to avoid the trouncing which they are destined to receive this year. If the Democrats in 1906 had demanded the reforms now demanded by the Republicans of the Keystone State, Republican editors and orators would have been compelled to invent some new word stronger than anarchist to express their opinion. Yes, the world moves.

Most Noble Judge.

My good and brilliant friend, Judge O'Neil Ryan of St. Louis, has recently rendered a decision that carries consternation into the ranks of the trusts. Some years ago the Missouri legislature passed a law providing that proof that a plaintiff in a suit for money is a trust shall be held good. Of course the trusts laughed at it. Judge Ryan held the statute to be valid. Now the trusts are laughing on the other side of their mouths. If the supreme court affirms Judge Ryan's opinion, which is highly probable, the trust question will be far on the way toward settlement in Missouri. The supreme court has upheld a usury law much on all fours with the trust law. Why not, then, uphold the trust law also? Of course the trusts and their newspaper routers

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